



## THE TOWN OF FENWICK ISLAND

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### **Minutes of Planning Commission**

April 14, 2009

Present: Winnie Lewis, Lois Twilley, John Regan, Chris Clark, Richard Mais, Susan Klein, Bryan Hall and Agnes DiPietrantonio

Absent: Phil Craig

Members of the Public Present: None

Subject: Comprehensive Plan Implementation

Meeting called to order 2:35 PM by Chair Winnie Lewis.

Approve minutes of 03/10/09 regular meeting

Motion to approve— Richard Mais

Second – Chris Clark

All in favor to approve minutes. Minutes approved.

### **Liaison Reports.**

Lois Twilley – None

John Regan – None

Susan Klein – None

Phil Craig – Not present; no report

Chris Clark – Commercial Liaison Committee is interested in direction from the Planning Commission on how to move forward with plan implementation efforts similar to what has been proposed for the Parks and Recreation committee implementation efforts.

### **DISCUSSION**

Susan Klein questioned if this is legal and if this will cause the committees to lose their power. Bryan Hall advised that the Planning Commission advises council regarding implementation efforts. Committees are free to follow their own agendas except in those matters which directly impact plan implementation. It is difficult to coordinate activities now that the plan is in place.

The Planning Commission is in the position to streamline the way business is done regarding committee actions. The Planning Commission is the clearinghouse for all committee activities regarding plan implementation and reports to council who retains the power to make changes. The Planning Commission does three things: “grounds” the groups in order to get attainable goals and objectives; advances fiscally responsible ideas; make certain that plans are in keeping with the goals and objectives identified in the Plan. The Planning Commission must meet regularly and with a quorum; they are the “keepers” of the Comp Plan. It is a good idea to consolidate the committees for better organization and so the Planning Commission can take their suggestions and ideas and give them direction.

Richard Mais – Beach patrol is status quo; Emergency Management goals are being advanced as the Council look to building a new Public Service Building.

Winnie Lewis – C&O have discussed apartments, solar and renewable energy and requested that Commercial representatives make an effort to attend their meetings in order to explain commercial needs. C&O continues to review and revise ordinances. Regarding the Parks and Recreation Committee, Mrs. Lewis reported that they have once again failed to meet and so there are no programs planned for the summer.

### **Discussion and Possible Action.**

- **Cultural and Historic Preservation Sub-committee – Old Fenwick Island Days**

The Sub-committee has asked for the Planning Commission’s OK on its plans for displays, posters, a walking tour and other activities relating to Old Fenwick Island Days. A rough budget was developed of \$2259.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Bryan Hall suggested that the Commission share the plans with the county and state so that they can place the information on their websites.

Motion to request funds from council – Lois Twilley

Second – Chris Clark

All in favor.

- **Parks and Recreation Sub-committee**

Winnie Lewis advised that the Council rejected the Planning Commission request to absorb the Parks and Recreation Committee. Instead, the Planning Commission will form an advisory group to assist it with plan implementation.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Susan Klein asked if the town committee will continue to exist; Winnie Lewis advised that they will continue until the council determines otherwise. The advisory group will assist the Planning Commission with research and plan implementation activities only. Other activities, such as a Memorial Day Service and entertainment, will remain a function of the town committee. Bryan Hall advised that the advisory group will take a broader, new

direction than that of the town committee and will be mission driven as opposed to activity driven.

The following will be asked to serve on the Advisory Group:

Gretchen Collins, Bonnie Sheppard, Marilyn Simpler, Joyce Chaconas, Amy Vickers, Nick Valiente and Dan Heller (Town of Fenwick Island Public Works Department). Those who accept will be invited to attend the next Planning Commission meeting and then will have their own meeting on Thursday May 14 @2PM.

### **Old Business**

Overlay District – Public Workshop scheduled for Saturday June 13, 2009 from 10AM to noon. Bryan Hall and his staff will explain what it is and what it can do.

### **New Business**

Next meeting – Commercial Liaison Committee request for assistance

### **Next Meeting Date.**

Tuesday May 12, 2009 @2:30PM

### **Public Participation**

None

Motion to adjourn – Chris Clark

Second – Richard Mais

All in favor

Meeting adjourned 4:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Winnie Lewis, Chair

Agnes DiPietrantonio TOFI Recorder